

Notice to the Public: Spring Ridge Retention Pond

Recent inspections of the pond (T009090110300) located behind Lilly Pond Ln. used for storm water management in the Spring Ridge subdivision revealed significant structural deficiencies. The structural integrity of the dam, defined as a barrier constructed across a waterway to control the flow or raise the level of water, has been compromised by animal borrows and the root systems of large trees. Beavers have dammed up the riser (an outflow structure used for the purpose of maintaining a given amount of flow released from the pond) and emergency spillway (a structure that prevents pond water levels from overtopping the embankment and causing structural damage) causing the pond to overflow across the top of the dam. All of the issues identified above have the potential to cause the dam to fail. If there were to be a breach in the dam, there are properties downstream that have the potential to be negatively impacted by possible flooding. The potential for a dam breach has prompted the County to protect the public by draining the pond; therefore, lessening the potential for a breach and removing the threat of downstream flooding.

Inspection of the storm water facility was in accordance with the Clean Water Act, Greenville County's South Carolina MS4 NPDES Permit, and the County's Revised Storm Water Management Ordinance #4281, all which mandate periodic inspections of storm water management systems. These inspections ensure that the systems are functioning in accordance with the approved storm water plans. According to the County's Revised Storm Water Management Ordinance #4281, the respective property owner(s) or association is responsible for the maintenance of the storm water facility. In this case, the County has been unsuccessful in its attempts to track down a representative for the legal entity that is listed as the owner of the pond to make the necessary repairs; and currently there is no homeowner's association in place to legally ensure the maintenance responsibilities to keep the pond in compliance. Until the current owner or representative for the legal entity comes forward and takes the necessary steps to bring the pond into compliance the County has deemed draining the pond the best measure to ensure the safety of residents and their property downstream. The County is acting under the Failure to Maintain section of the Revised Storm Water Management Ordinance #4281.